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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING.
ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED
UP ABOUT TOWN."A City That is Set on a Hill Can-
not Be Hid."Miss Fannie Capen is visiting in
Portland.W. A. Bunting was home from
Gilead, Sunday.Eli F. Stearns was at Waterford
one day last week.Miss Anna Jordan is visiting
friends in Portland.Robert Foster started Saturday
for Bowdoin College.Mrs. John Yates returned to her
home in Gorham, Sunday.Fred Merrill returned to Bruns-
wick Monday to attend college.Herman Mason was at home
from Rumford Falls over Sunday.Mrs. Mary Dean and Miss
Marshall visited in Wilton last
week.Miss Olive Wheeler was home
from Oxford on a short visit last
week.Miss Carrie Hastings returned to
Leviston Monday to attend Bates
College.William H. Merrill visited his
sister at Mechanic Falls last
Wednesday.C. V. Martin of Auburn was in
town a few days last week and
attended the Bethel fair.Mr. Edwin Gehring and sister
Alma from Cleveland, Ohio, are
visiting at Dr. J. G. Gehring's.Mrs. Eva Fox has returned
from Gorham, N. H., where she
has been spending the summer.Mrs. S. L. Holt of Boston, is in
town, being called here to attend
the funeral of her sister, Miss Villa
Holt.The Literary Society will meet
this afternoon at three o'clock at
the home of Mrs. W. D. Hastings,
Main Street.Quarterly meeting will be held
at the M. E. church, Saturday eve-
ning, Sept. 18. Rev. J. A. Corey
will be present.The store of Miss E. E. Burnham
has been closed for a few evenings,
while the interior has been receiv-
ing a coat of paint.F. W. Devos & Co., New York;
established 1754. Oldest and largest
paint manufacturers in Amer-
ica. Hastings Bros., agents.A. A. Edson of Rutland, Vt., was
in town a few days last week in
the interest of the DeLaval
Cream Separators, for which he is
general agent.The Little Androscoggin Valley
Sunday School Association is to
be held in the Congregational
church on Thursday, Sept. 30.
Program found in another column.A beautiful little daughter
(Carrie Eveline) was loaned to
Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton, Sept. 9,
for two brief hours. "Like the
blush of the morning too lovely to
last."The annual meeting of the
Oxford Universalist Association
and the District Y. P. C. U. will
be held at the Universalist Church on
Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 21
and 22.Rev. J. A. Corey, presiding elder
of Lewiston district will conduct a
Love Feast, Sunday morning at
9:45 o'clock. He will also preach
at the usual hour at the M. E.
church.William White and son of Allis-
ton, Mass., arrived in Bethel Sun-
day at 6 o'clock A. M. on their
wheels having made the distance
of 203 miles since Friday at 6
o'clock A. M.Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton wish to
express their sincerest gratitude to
the kind friends who, through
their sympathy and prayers, have
made a silver lining to the cloud
of sorrow which has recently shad-
owed their home.Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wight will
start to-morrow for Blue Hill,
where they are to resume their
work. They are planning to give
several concerts along the coast
towns, after which they will go to
Bangor to attend the Maine Musi-
cal Festival.Beware of Ointments for Catarrh
that contain Mercury.as mercury will surely destroy the sense
of smell and completely derange the
whole system when entering it through
the mucous surfaces. Such articles
should never be used except on prescrip-
tion from reputable physicians, as the
damage they will do is ten fold to the
good they can possibly derive from
them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufac-
tured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.,
contains no mercury, and is taken
internally, acting directly upon the sys-
tem. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be
sure you get the genuine. It is taken
internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio,
by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials
free.Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per
bottle.

THE FAIR AT RIVERSIDE PARK.

EXCELLENT WEATHER AND LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Better Racing Never Seen at Bethel.

Although the weather looked rather
discouraging the morning of the
second day of the fair, about nine
o'clock "Old Sol" put in his appear-
ance and bade the clouds which had
been distributing their moisture upon
a disappointed people, pass quietly
along and return not, until some
more convenient time when their
presence would be more appreciated.No sooner did the rain promise to
make no further interference, than
did people from all directions turn
their steps toward the Bethel Fair
grounds, and for the next two days
that delightful spot in Mayville, on
the banks of the Androscoggin, was
the scene of much excitement, inter-
est, and enthusiasm.Not alone did this vast congrega-
tion consist of people who came only
to see what was to be seen, but also
people who were willing to bring
things in order to have a successful
fair were numerous, and thus the
long tables in the hall which like the
tables at most of the fairs this year,
had at first been conspicuous because
of their barrenness, began at once to
present a different appearance, and
when the numerous exhibits which
were made were arranged under the
skillful direction of Supt. Dr. F. B.
Tuell, the exhibitors could well feel
that though nature had not designed
that they should produce the crops
with which to make an exhibition
that would out do those of the past,
yet they are proud to feel that
their compared favorably with those
seen at other agricultural fairs this
season.

A Stroll Around the Grounds.

During the forenoon hundreds of
people were interested in traveling
around the grounds and noting the
various attractions to be seen. Natu-
rally the people coming as they did
from one of Maine's most thrifty
farming communities would look first
among the

CATTLE PENS.

It is only the large amount of work
and expense in exhibiting live stock
at a fair which prevents making this
department of the Bethel fair one of
the best in the State, as no better lo-
cation can be found for bringing to-
gether a fine showing of farm stock
than at the handsomely located
grounds in Mayville.While the farmers in this section
have not made a specialty of thor-
ough-bred cattle, yet the stock ex-
hibited was of a good class, and the
herd several say that they had often
seen poorer cattle on exhibition at
the State fair.The largest and best herd exhib-
ited was by Fred L. Edwards, one of
the leading farmers in Bethel. The
Durham and Holstein strain was
plainly visible in all his stock, which
makes his cows not only valuable for
milk but also for stock raising. His
herd consisted of seventeen head
viz: eight cows, one pair three-year-
old steers, one two-year-old bull, one
yearling bull, and four calves.F. F. Bean came in with the next
largest herd, having thirteen animals
in his string. Mr. Bean makes a
specialty of making cream for the
Bethel creamery, and his herd is
largely Jersey and Swiss, with little
Durham for size. This lot, consist-
ing of four cows, five two-year-old
heifers, one yearling heifer, one heif-
er calf, one bull calf, and one two-
year-old bull (Swiss) attracted much
attention. Mr. Bean also exhibited
one eight months old pig and two
younger ones which showed the value
of good care and feed.The long sheds of H. & W. Far-
well were only partly filled this year
owing to the illness of the younger
brother, and it was only through the
courtesy of good neighbors that they
were able to have any stock upon the
grounds. The stock in the back pas-
ture was not disturbed, and doubt-
less they preferred their freedom to
being brought out for exhibition; as
it was, eleven head were shown, con-
sisting of one two-year-old grade
Holstein bull, which was an extra
good one and was sold on the ground,
one yearling bull, five cows, two
three-year-olds, one two-year-old, and
one calf that was raised on milk from
the separator.Another of Bethel's young and
progressive farmers, Geo. A. Chap-
man, made an exhibit for the first
time of a sample of his large stock
of cattle. Seven young and hand-
some creatures were brought which
made it plainly evident that he is
keeping some fine cattle, and we
hope that another year will find him
on the grounds with his entire herd.Next in order came the herd of
Wm. L. Chapman. This is a fine
herd, and much credit is due Mr.
Chapman's youngest son, Alonzo, for
the care and attention required to
make up his exhibit. It consisted of
six fine animals of the Jersey and
Swiss breed. They also had on ex-
hibition one boar, one sow, and six
pigs.C. E. Valentine showed five fine
Jersey cows and heifers. He had
the advantage of the other stock
owners as he lives so near the
grounds he could take his stock
home at night. The fine condition
of his cows proves conclusively thatthey have received excellent care at
the hands of their owner.Greenleaf Emery had two yoke
of black yearling steers. They were
beautiful and attracted much atten-
tion.L. A. York appeared with two good
cows and one calf, also sow and four
pigs.Fred L. Ordway of Gilead, came
down with a grade Devon cow, hav-
ing a calf eleven weeks old by her
side, also a grade Durham yearling
bull which was a beauty. If these
three animals are a sample of the stock
which he keeps, "he's all right."Eli W. Barker had two of the fin-
est cows that were seen on the
grounds; one grade Holstein and
one grade Guernsey with enough
Holstein to give them size and color.Carl W. Godwin had some full
blood Maine herd book Jerseys, one
cow, one two-year-old, and one year-
ling heifer; all fine animals which
received their share of attention.Foremost among the animals and
the one to be the subject of the most
flattering comment, was a five months
old heifer calf entered by G. P. Bean,
one of Bethel's leading merchants.
This calf, which is doubtless one of
the best in the State, was raised by
Rufus Skillings, who carries on Mr.
Bean's farm at West Bethel. Many
were heard to remark that they never
saw a more promising calf than this
one.Dana B. Hall did not seem to be
at the fair this year, as it is the
first time during the history of the
fair that he had not had at least
one yoke of oxen. He had, however,
a fine thorough-bred Hereford heifer
two years old, which came from the
matchless herd of A. J. Libby of
Emden, and a grade Holstein heifer.
Mr. Hall is the champion ox team-
ster of the State and was frequently
heard making inquiries for a good
yoke of oxen.Ernest Morrell was there with a
fine yoke of oxen, also a good cow.A good pair of two-year-old steers,
which took the eye of the cattle men
was exhibited by A. G. Lovejoy.

TOWN TEAM.

But few farmers in this section can
show a whole "town team," as five
yoke are required according to the
premium list, yet A. F. Morrell of
Mason, was on the grounds with this
number. If Mr. Morrell's team is a
sample of the Mason teams it is quite
evident that the farmers up there are
still keeping some good oxen. Mr.
Morrell and his brother Ernest, were
the only parties to have oxen on the
ground, and although we were not
permitted to witness the contest at
the drag, yet they all looked as
though they could "scratch gravel."

SHEEP.

It begins to look as though this
branch of farming would soon receive
more of the average farmer's atten-
tion, and we are pleased to note that
there were some good sheep and
lambs on the ground. If the writer
is any judge, Porter Farwell of East
Bethel, had six of the best sheep on
exhibition, but as the premium list
called for sheep and lambs they could
not be entered for the premium. He
sold seven lambs from this flock sev-
eral weeks ago that averaged over
one hundred pounds each, live
weight.A. J. Peaslee had six ewes, two
lambs, and a nice buck.George A. Chapman, two sheep
and seven lambs.Arthur Morrell six sheep and six
lambs.

PORK.

We have previously mentioned the
exhibition in this line except a mon-
ster pig shown by Herbert York.
One look at this monster would lead
one to realize that the "Great Amer-
ican Hog" has not been lost sight of.

NOTES.

No one that attends the Bethel
Fair need go away hungry as the
Universalist society has a large, well
arranged building, and their well-
known abilities to please the people
have won for them a large patronage.Hattie Grover of West Bethel, also
furnished hot baked beans and all
the good things that go to make a
first-class dinner.Bryant and Chapman had a large,
well arranged tent near the grand
stand and did a good business sell-
ing fruit, confectionery, and cigars.
A good cool drink for 5 cents and
music free, were enjoyed by many
that were around in the hot sun.Next to them were Farwell &
Flint with the usual good things to
eat and cool soda to drink.Hot bottled pop corn, etc., was
sold by F. W. Ford of West Paris,
and it was good too.H. H. Nevers of Norway, had a
soda fountain, and sold cigars, etc.Smith and Barker of Bethel, sold
pies, cakes, peanuts, and ice cream,
but no cool drinks around their tent.G. C. Woodsum of Locke's Mills,
was busy selling confectionery, ci-
gars, cheap beer, and soda.W. E. Merrow of Leviston, would
take your picture for a quarter and
give you a nice one to take home to
remember yourself by.Mr. Twitchell of Oxford is too
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THE MARVELLOUS CHANGE.

Sermon Preached by Rev. Mr. A.
Hamilton, at the M. E. Church."Jesus answered and said unto him,
verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a
man be born again, he cannot see the
kingdom of God."—John 3:3.If I were to take each of you by
the hand and ask, "Do you expect to
dwell forever with the lost?" you
would answer, "No." Were I to
ask, "Do you expect to spend etern-
ity with the redeemed?" you would
answer, "Yes." Why these answers?
You all hope to live in heaven. On
this you are agreed. But on what ground
do you base your hope? To this ques-
tion there would be a variety of
answers. Some would say: "God is
too good to send anyone to hell;"
others will reply: "Man is too good
and noble to be lost;" another
bases his hope on outward
reformation; he says: "I was
once shiftless, dissipated, and dis-
honest; now I am industrious, sober
and honest." Others again
depend upon the general morality
of their conduct. "I don't know
that I ever harmed anyone. My
aim is to do the best I can, to
treat my fellow creatures honestly
and justly." Here is one who
says: "I have made a profession
of religion, have been baptized and
joined the church." Listen to this
one: "I say my prayers every day."
Some I have met were foolish
enough to say: "If some professors
and church members are going to
heaven I stand a good chance to get
there." Now suppose the ground-
work of your hope is not sufficient,
are you still going to build there-
upon? Hear the divine master:
"Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
except a man be born again, he
cannot see the kingdom of God." This
declaration together with the
5th verse, teaches the impossibil-
ity of seeing the kingdom of heaven
in its beginning here, or of enjoy-
ing it in its consummation here-
after unless "born of the water and
of the Spirit" whatever that may
mean. There may be the renun-
ciation of error, external reforma-
tion, general morality of conduct,
a flaming profession of religion,
and a fiery zeal for orthodoxy
without being born again. No
earnest seeker for truth will over-
look these important considera-
tions. We inquire:

WHAT IS THIS NEW BIRTH?

It is not a second natural birth;
for like begets like. Christ said:
"That which is born of the flesh
is flesh." It will so remain until
the end of the chapter. By our
first birth we become partakers of
human nature with its earthly
tendencies, and though a man
were born a thousand times after
the flesh he would be flesh still.
His spiritual nature would remain
as before.To be born again, according to
the margin, is to be born from
above. By this process a man
enters upon a celestial existence.
He is a partaker of "the divine
nature"; a son of God; a child of
Light. Our first birth introduced
us into the natural world; our
second, into the spiritual. It is
the infusion into the soul of the
life and nature of God. He who
possesses such a life is enabled to
perform spiritual actions and live
unto God.Regeneration is the restoration
of the image of God to the soul.
Through it the soul recovers its
lost sonship, and secures a right to
all the privileges of the house-
hold of faith. God created man in
His own image. This image, the
apostle declares, consists in knowl-
edge, righteousness and true holiness.
But, though made in the image
of God, man was not immutable.
He had ability to stand,
but was liable to fall. By an act
of wilful disobedience he became
separated from God, lost the divine
image, forfeited his right to the
knowledge and love of God and
became a slave of sin, a subject of
pain and death. Consequently all
mankind generating from fallen
Adam came into the world desti-
tute of original righteousness, hav-
ing inward tendencies. Regenera-
tion is the recovery of the soul
from this condition.Regeneration is a complete
change. Our advent into this
world was marked by a great and
astonishing change, and our spiri-
tual birth is attended, by one still
more wonderful. This change is
described by the apostle in 2 Cor.
5:17: "Therefore if any man be in
Christ, he is a new creature; old
things are passed away; behold,
all things are become new." He is,
as the revised version puts it,
"born anew." He begins "life in a
new relation to God. He is endow-
ed with new powers of spiritual dis-
cernment. His thoughts, feelings
and actions undergo a fundamen-
tal, and it may be, a "permanent
revolution." Dr. A. E. Breth,
The Popular Science Monthly,
tells the story of a baboon which
he kept as a pet in his home in

Germany.

The baboon concentrated
her tenderness upon the
children of the neighborhood, but
to her great sorrow they were all
afraid of her. Then she turned to
cats and dogs, and teased them in
every way. One bright little kit-
ten, which most of the time she
carried in her arms, was tired of
her company, and attempted to
escape. The ape strongly ob-
jected and the kitten, in its
struggle scratched its shoulder.
Gravely, the baboon seized one of
the paws of her pet, examined it
carefully, and evidently regarding
the sharp claws as a dangerous
superfluity in so small a being,
deliberately bit them all off by
one. The ideal Christian life
is not secured by marring and
maiming our natures, but by the
transformation of our hearts, and
by bringing our passions, appetites
and tempers into harmony with
Christ. The true Christian is he
whose understanding is enlight-
ened, his judgment directed by the
truth, his will subdued, his con-
science pacified, his heart cleansed
and his affections spiritualized and
fixed on God. Yet no faculty of
his being is destroyed and no new
one formed, but all are renewed
and set in the right direction.
Thus the soul becomes the seat of
right, harmony and goodness.Various figures are used in the
Scriptures to describe this change,
but though the figure changes it is
never weakened. They all point
to a complete transition from one
state of spiritual existence to
another and different state. In
John 6:24, it is called a passing
"from death unto life." What a
transition! The newly born soul
has already passed from death
unto life. It is defined in Acts
26:18 as a turning "from darkness
to light, and from the power of
Satan unto God." Here the soul is
viewed as taken out of the realm
where Satan exercises his power
and brought into the realm where
the power of God is exercised.
Darkness is the element in which
Satan works. His power
over men lies in his ability to
blind their minds, and to keep
them in the dark. This change is
called a translation. "Who hath
delivered us from the power of
darkness, and hath translated us
into the image of His dear Son."
—Col. 1:13. When we leave the
territories of death, which are
under the control of "the power of
darkness," we are ushered into the
kingdom of Christ and endued
with power to "see God," and enjoy
the manifestations of His love.
Rom. 8:4, Eph. 2:1, and Col. 3:1
use the term "raised up from the
dead," "quickened," and "risen
with Christ," to illustrate the
greatness of this change. The new
birth is therefore a radical change.
The axe is laid at the root of the
tree of corruption. We do not find
men in attempting to cut down a
tree, climbing into its topmost
branches and lopping them off
first. They go to the root of the
tree. But there are men who try
to break off this or that bad habit,
but are unwilling to give up all
sin. God is just as much against
the sins' you wish to indulge as
those you wish to be free from,
and you must give up all to Him or
you cannot expect deliverance.
There is a story of a colored man
who came to a watch-maker, and
gave him the two hands of a clock
and told him to fix them up as
they had not kept correct time
for more than six months.
"Where is the clock?" asked the
watchmaker. "Out at de house on
Injun Creek." "But I must have
the clock." Then the colored man
declared there was nothing the
matter with the clock except the
hands and he had brought them to
him. "You jess want de clock so
you can tinkar wid it and charge
me a big price. Gimme back dem
hands." And so saying he went off
to find a more reasonable watch-
maker. You smile at the ignor-
ance of this colored man, but he is
very much like those who try to
patch up the outside without being
made right inside. They do not
realize the need of a great funda-
mental change in their spiritual
condition any more than did the
poor negro understand about the
works of his clock. Nor have they
a better reason for not putting
themselves into the hands of the
Almighty. They fear the price
will be too great. But God says:
"I cannot regulate you so as to put
you in harmony with divine things
unless you give yourself to me. I
must have the clock."This change is instantaneous.
There is a preparatory work. The
incorruptible seed must be sown,
germinate, and spring up. But
there comes a moment when we
cease to be "the children of the
devil" and become "the children of
God." We may not know the time,
or place, or circumstances when we
entered upon the new relation to
God, but the fact that we now en-
joy a celestial existence is a proof
that we have been born again.

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Earl Sanborn's Secret.

CHAPTER II.

A Surprise at the Sanborn Home.

When Mrs. Sanborn saw that
Earl had really gone, her
heart was very heavy again, and
she could hardly keep back the
tears; but, for all, she could not
repress a half smile at his boyish
eagerness."My poor boy!" she murmured,
"how long will it be before you will
be just as eager to come back home
to rest, as you are now to engage
in the battle of life. May God
keep you from all harm." She
stood by the window thinking of
the lad, scarcely more than a babe,
and wishing she had not given her
consent. Then her thoughts went
back to the day when another of her
sons—her first-born—had left her
side. There was still a sore spot
in her heart, that pained her when
she thought of Willie. Living or
dead, she knew not, but she loved
him, although his fair name was
stained; loved him, although she
had seconded the father's word
that banished him from home.
And now Earl was taken! Was
this a part of her punishment?As she turned to leave the room,
she saw a letter lying on the little
stand. "To Mother," she read on
the back of it, and she knew that
Earl wrote it. How precious to
her! He had not forgotten her in
his eagerness. She broke the seal.
The course, boyish penmanship
was very plain, and like the writ-
er, the words were very frank and
straightforward. But as the
mother read on, the look of pleas-
ure left her face, and she became
very weak and pale. She started
to go down the stairs, but it was
with the greatest difficulty that
she was able to keep her feet. She
entered the room very much agi-
tated."What is the matter, mother?"
exclaimed Mr. Sanborn uneasily.The answer she gave was to
place the open letter in his hand.
He took it, striving the while to
conceal his anxiety; and, adjust-
ing his spectacles, read it through
without comment."Come, mother," he said in sub-
dued tones as he arose to leave the
room.Father and mother went out
together, leaving the wondering
children at the breakfast table.At last John, next older than
Earl, looked up to Mattie and said:
"I shouldn't wonder if it's some-
thing about Willie. Father thought
everything of Willie.""May be the letter was from
Willie," said Mattie."Butma got it out of Earl's room,
and it was just like his writing,"
said Mary, the youngest, a little
flaxen-haired beauty of ten."And I peeked through the key-
hole, and see Earl when he was a
writing it," said twelve year old
Charley, the rogue of the family."Any way, I believe it is some-
thing about Willie," persisted
John. "Oh, I do wish it was some-
thing that would make father let
him come back!""Tut! tut!" cautioned Mattie;
"father may hear you, and you
know he has forbidden us to speak
Willie's name.""Yes, I know; but, Mattie, I
think sometimes that it wouldn't
take but terrible little to make
father take him back.""And I, too, Johnny," said Mat-
tie, "but it wouldn't do to tell father
so. It might spoil everything.
There comes father again."John, harness the horses, and
hitch them to the light wagon!"
said Mr. Sanborn.His orders were always obeyed
without question, and John arose
from the table at once, and took
his cap down from its peg. He
wanted to ask his father a question
or two about where he was going,
but did not quite like to. He
halted at the door, however, and
asked: "Shall I put any oats in
the wagon, father?""Yes, enough to last you until
you get back from town."John's face brightened up a trifle,
for a trip to town was not of com-
mon occurrence; but he was puzzled
more than ever. When he
drove around to the door, his
father, who had been waiting,
stepped into the wagon and took
the lines."I don't know just how long I
shall be gone, mother," said Mr.
Sanborn, "but John had better
drive down to the station next
Wednesday. Now be good chil-
dren, and take care of mother
while I am gone."He stopped, and seemed confused
for a moment, but rallying, he
said: "Come and let me kiss you,
children, before I go. No knowing
what might happen."The children climbed eagerly
into the wagon, and threw their
arms about his neck. All butMattie. She was quite a young
lady, and stood blushing by the
side of her mother, who was weep-
ing tears of joy."Come, Mattie," said her father,
in a husky voice.She went timidly to the wagon,
and held up her face."And you, too, mother," he said.
Ah, it was only a little, trifling
thing, that good-by kiss, but it
made the good woman look won-
derfully happy."It has been too long, Molly,
since I have given any token of
affection," he whispered, "but I
have turned over a new leaf, now.
We will have a little more love at
home. There, John, drive on, or I
shall get babyish. Water the
stock at noon, Charley, and get
the cows up at night."They all watched the wagon out
of sight, and they were the hap-
piest then that they had been for
long, long years. So much for a
little love at home."Oh, I do wish father would be
like that all the time!" said little
Mary. Has he gone to fetch Earl
back?""We'll see when he comes," said
Mrs. Sanborn, going into the
house."Mother, is it Willie?" whis-
pered Mattie."We'll know all about it, when
he comes back," was her answer;
and Mattie did not question her
further.

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Coming Events.

Sept. 14-16—Oxford County Fair, Nor-
way and South Paris.
Sept. 22, 23—Oxford North Fair, An-
dover.
Sept. 28-30—West Oxford Fair, Erys-
burg.
Sept. 28-30—Androscoggin Valley Fair,
Canton.
Oct. 10—Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., Port-
land.

LOCAL NEWS.

Fine weather for fairs.

F. A. Leach was in Portland
Sunday.

Mrs. B. K. Swift is visiting in
Norway.

Mrs. J. M. Philbrook is visiting
her daughter in Portland.

Mr. Henry Farwell is attending
the county fair at Norway.

Miss Grace Ames started for
New York yesterday afternoon.

J. M. Philbrook went to Brighton
Monday with cows, veals and hogs.

A large number from Bethel
attended the Fair at Norway
to-day.

"Sympathy," will be the subject
at the Universalist Church next
Sabbath morning.

Sam Gibson, Ernest Demeritt,
and Clarence Fox started for the
Lakes to-day.

Mrs. Sparrow has rented Ceylon
Rowe's house now occupied by Dr.
Bunting and will take boarders.

Rev. Israel Jordan returned
home Saturday from a week's visit
to the Lakes.

Miss Joan Stearns returned home
Monday, after a three weeks' visit
in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. Fred Chandler spent Sunday
with his family in Bethel, return-
ing Monday A. M.

The friends of Dea. T. H. Chap-
man will be pleased to hear of his
improvement in health.

Milton Penley went to Wood-
stock yesterday, and seized an old
worn out horse belonging to Scott
Taylor.

When Judge Woodbury returned
from a trip to Fort Fairfield, last
autumn, he brought home a potato
which he planted, and it yielded
sixty-five pounds of potatoes.

Miss Edith Perkins has returned
to Boston, where she will resume
her studies at the Conservatory of
Music under the instruction of
Prof. Herman P. Chelins.

The students of Bethel and
vicinity will find a full line of
school books and school supplies,
including tablets, note books, pen-
cils, ink, etc., at Wiley's Drug
Store.

Tuesday afternoon, the W. C. T. U.
met with Mrs. Bunting. The
following delegates were chosen to
attend the State Convention which
will be held in Bath, September
28, 29, & 30: Mrs. Martha B. Chap-
man, Miss Annie Cross, Mrs. Sarah
F. Billings, Mrs. O. M. Mason, Mrs.
Aldie Andrews, Mrs. Mary Bean,
Mrs. Ida Godwin.

The Bethel Federation of Wom-
en's Clubs will hold its first meet-
ing of the season at Garland
Chapel, on Friday afternoon of this
week at three o'clock. The meet-
ing will be made interesting by
short addresses, reports from the
several clubs in membership, and
a talk on Parliamentary Usages
by Miss Isabel Shirley, who has
spoken so charmingly before some
of our local clubs upon the same
topic. It is hoped that a large
number of our Club women will be
present.

Judge and Mrs. Carter of Haver-
hill, Mass., have recently been the
guests of Miss Isabelle Shirley at
Riviera Cottage. The Judge is
favorably known in Maine, having
been a member of the bar here for
several years. Judge Woodbury
and daughter were invited to dine
at the Cottage, last Friday, and a
very pleasant occasion it proved to
be. The two Judges were reminis-
cent and entertained the whole
party with stories drawn from their
earlier days when both were active
in public affairs of Maine. An un-
usual and interesting sight was
the three gentlemen of the party.
Judge Carter to celebrate his 83rd
birthday this month, Mr. George
H. Shirley his 82nd, and Judge
Woodbury his 80th in January,
yet all with as keen intellect and
ready with repartee when the con-
versation took a humorous turn as
any of our young men. A good ex-
ample of the result of lives of tem-
perance and pure morals.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express, through the
columns of the News, our thanks
to the many kind neighbors,
friends, and relatives who have so
liberally offered their assistance
during the long illness, death and
burial of our sister, Miss Villa
Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Clough,
Miss Vira Holt.

THE BETHEL FAIR.
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well known to those who attend the
fairs of Oxford County to need any
further introduction. He gets his
share of the trade.

Walter Gordon of Waterford, and
W. G. McKee of Lynn, with their
shooting gallery, was not very well
patronized as the people this way
get their practice shooting "Oxford
Bears."

H. T. Heath of West Sumner, had
a new kind of swing in which you
could rest as comfortably as in a
chair and still get a good, long swing
for five cents.

Metallurgical were there with a
fine riding gallery, and we frequently
heard it remarked "How nice it is to
ride, sheltered from the hot sun."

Wm. L. Chapman had a Thomas
disk harrow, Acme pulverizing har-
row, and a Victor swivel plow on ex-
hibition. All good implements for
any farmer.

A bullet from one of the shooting
galleries went through the fence
Wednesday afternoon, and struck
Orin H. Pingree in the back of the
neck. It was a small bullet, and
made only a bad flesh wound.

The fast trotter-Fancy Boy, owned
by C. B. Heald of East Sumner,
while being jogged on the track
Wednesday forenoon, in some unex-
plained manner, gave one of his
ankles a severe wrench. He was
taken home soon after. It is not
thought he has sustained any per-
manent injury, but it will keep him
off the track for the rest of the sea-
son without doubt.

Things to Be Seen in the Hall.

After traveling around the
grounds and noting the attractions
above mentioned, it seemed refresh-
ing to step with in the spacious hall,
where, shielded from the rays of
the scorching sun, one could pass
delightful hours, viewing the vari-
ous attractions, which had been
placed on exhibition. Perhaps one
of the first things to attract atten-
tion was the long table laden with
flowers.

The beauty and fragrance of which
were admired by each and every
person who entered the hall. Dr.
F. B. Tuell, Miss Susie Twitcheil,
Mrs. L. G. Grover, and E. P. Grov-
er each had a large collection.

NEEDLE WORK.

Lethim who said so prove that the
ladies of the present generation
cannot use the needle. Those in-
terested in this department saw
the following exhibit:

Mrs. Elmira Needham, aged 88
years, patchwork quilt.

Ella Eames, silk quilt, crazy pil-
low, and center pieces.

Bertha Wiley, cigar ribbon pil-
low and center pieces.

Mrs. D. M. Smith, woven and
drawn rugs and Afghan.

Winona Scribner, sofa pillow
and lace handkerchief.

Mrs. Jacob M. Clark, patchwork
quilt.

Mrs. J. B. Peaslee, embroidered
bed-spread, stockings, mittens and
yarn.

Han M. Stetson, center piece
and dollies.

Gladys R. Wiley, doily and center
piece.

Elsie Hall, center piece.

Bertha Wiley, center piece.

Mildred Tuell, center piece and
dollies.

Mrs. L. G. Abbott, drawn rug.

Mrs. George Chapman, apron.

Mrs. Geo. Spinnay, mittens and
stockings.

PAINTINGS.

Much was added to the appearance
of the hall by the adorning of its
walls with various pictures painted
by our own skilled artists.

Miss Ethel Hastings of Newry,
had seven.

Miss Laura Hall, Bethel, three.

Miss Percie Foster, Newry, two.

One of the most unique was an
oil painting made by Miss C. H.
Fiale, of Fryeburg Academy nearly
one hundred years ago.

FAIR PRODUCTS.

If this department of our fair
perchance were not up to the stan-
dard of past years, it certainly
was not the fault of the farm-
ers, neither did our farmers share
this fate alone, as at nearly all of
the fairs which have been held this
season the farm product exhibit
has been reported a failure. This,
cannot be said of Bethel exhibit.
When we consider the lateness of
the season and the various disad-
vantages under which our farmers
have been obliged to labor this sea-
son, we may well feel proud of the
appearance of the long tables in the
hall. Here is what we saw:

Orin Foster of Newry, had the
largest and best display of apples.
He showed 44 varieties. They were
large and handsome, and would
have done honor to the tables at
the Maine State Fair. We can
vouch for the quality of these ap-
ples as through the courtesy of Mr.
Foster, we had the privilege of tak-
ing them home.

D. A. Cummings came in next
with 14 varieties of fine apples and
two of pears. Mr. Cummings also
had 4 varieties of potatoes and one
of water-melon.

C. E. Valentine had 4 varieties of
potatoes, 5 of squashes, 3 of beans,
2 of peas, and one each of oats,
onions, beets, turnips, and carrots.

Guy Barker, 2 of beets, 2 of squashes
and 1 of parsnip.

H. E. Grover, one plate of apples
and one variety of cabbage.

Newton Stearns, 12 plates of fine
apples.

Alton W. Richardson, 2 varieties
of potatoes, 2 of turnips, 2 of beets,
and one each of onions, carrots, cu-
cumbers, and cabbages.

C. P. Bean, 3 varieties of pump-
kins, 3 of squashes, and one of po-
tatoes.

Chas. Ryerson, 2 of pumpkins, 4
of squashes, and 3 of potatoes.

Moses R. Coburn, 1 of onions, 1
each of potatoes, cabbages, and cu-
cumbers.

Mrs. Cora Campbell brought a
novelty in the form of a plate of
field strawberries, ripe, and in per-
fect condition.

ALL SORTS.

E. L. Jewell, the popular tailor
of So. Paris, was there showing an
excellent line of goods.

H. and W. Farwell had a No. 2
DeLaval separator on exhibition.
This is a perfect working machine
and will separate 350 lbs. per hour.

E. W. Allen of Canton, exhibited
a Standard Sewing machine and
took pleasure in showing the ladies

the various kinds of work which
the machine will do.
If we ever were thankful, that
though bears by name we are not
by nature, we were when we saw
that monster bear trap shown by
E. B. Knapp.

Pulling Matches.

No department of the fair was
witnessed with more interest than
this one was.

CATTLE.

The pulling of cattle came off
Wednesday forenoon. The judges
were D. B. Hall, Arthur Wright,
and Chas. Bean. Arthur F. Morrill
previously mentioned as showing
the only town team, carried off all
the honors.

HORSES.

The class weighing less than
2400, came first, Wednesday after-
noon. The judges were L. H.
Grover, Wm. C. Chapman, and D.
B. Hall. Some right, smart pulling
was seen which resulted in A. V.
Jackson taking first money and
Chas. Ryerson, second.

The next class was from 2400 to
2850. The contestants were Chas.
Ryerson, who took first money,
Joseph Arsenault, second, Chas.
Bean, third, and J. B. Dresser.

The heavy class came on Thurs-
day afternoon with Chas. Ryerson,
first, Mr. Knightly, second, and
Jas. S. Bartlett, third.

RACES.

This is one of the crowning fea-
tures of the fair and the one in
which our people pride themselves
as being unexcelled by any fair in
Western Maine. The list of entries
was the largest this year that has
ever been had during the fair and
among the number entered may be
found some of the best horses in
the State. The track was in fine
condition and the races were the
most interesting and hotly con-
tested ever seen in this section. So
closely matched for speed were the
horses in the several races that each
was a fight from start to finish,
thus making them doubly interest-
ing. The races with their hard
fought heats, showed remarkable
time, and one need only to com-
pare the time made at Riverside
Park last week with that made at
some of the other tracks to see the
same week to substantiate the
statement that the racing here is
unexcelled at no track in Western
Maine. While the drivers at the
Kennebec County fair were eagerly
plying the lash and their horses
straining every nerve (though all
in vain) to lower their track record
of 2:27, we saw Lady Gold Dust
with Poragus, May-day, and Philip
A., scarcely in the rear, make the
quarter in 35, half in 73, and
quarter in 1:48, one gallantly
down the home stretch and under
the wire in 2:24.

SUMMARY OF RACES.

Two races were trotted the first
day as follows:

GREEN RACE, TROT AND PACE,
PURSE \$50.00.

Harry C. bl. g., Hall, 2:11.1

Readmaster, bl. g., Hall, 1:23.3

Gold Wilkes, b. m., Walters, 3:32.2

Gold Stone, b. g., Howe, 4:44.4

Albert E. ch. f., Stewart, 2:41.3

Time 2:40.2, 2:45.2, 2:45.1, 2:43.3-4.

2:40 CLASS, TROT AND PACE, PURSE
\$80.

This class required seven heats,
three horses winning two heats
each. In the final contest a blank
could have covered the whole race.
King for three-fourths of a mile,
when King threw off a boot and
fell back. Summary:

Chelota g. m., Gregg, 3:31.4 3:11.1

King b. g., Hastings, 3:22.1 2:22.2

Harry Arnold b. g., Jenkins, 2:41.3 2:41.3

Ned O. b. g., Ed Oidham, 4:43.3 4:43.3

Maggie J. bl. m., Cham-
berlain, 5:54.5

Time, 2:31.2, 2:31.4, 2:31.4, 2:33.3-4,
2:31.2, 2:30.

SECOND DAY.

The largest crowd present at any
time during the fair was upon the
grand stand to witness the two
races which were trotted Wednes-
day afternoon. Much was added
to the afternoon's entertainment
by the choice selections given by
Norway Cadet Band at various in-
tervals between the races.

The following exhibit was at the
judges' stand: H. S. Hastings,
starter; J. B. Robinson, A. F. An-
drews, and L. A. Hall, judges; H.
E. Dyer, timer; Fred Merrill, clerk.
The first race called was the

3.00 CLASS, PURSE \$75.

Eight horses started in this race
and as many made a good, smart
fight for victory. Summary:

C. C. C. g. Cooley, 1:11.1

Prince K. Kendall, 5:22.2

Frank Rolfe b. g., Pierce, 2:38.8

Cashier ch. s., Ryan, 7:43.3

Dandy J. b. g., Merrill, 6:76.6

Barb bl. m., Thayer, 6:86.6

Cassius M. bl. s., Foster, 6:86.6

Number 10, Cham-
berlain, 6:86.6

Time, 2:36.1, 2:37.4, 2:37.1-2.

THE 2:35 CLASS, PURSE \$100,

was the hottest one of all, and the
way these horses handled them-
selves would have done credit to
any fair held in Maine this season.
The three straight heats were trot-
ted by every horse in a noble way,
with scarcely a break. Summary:

Lady Gold Dust, ch. m., Barnes
Bro., 1:11.1

May-day, A. J. Penley, 2:22.2

Poragus, b. g., Chapman, 3:32.3

Philip A. b. g., Ash, 4:44.4

Time, 2:28.1, 2:28.3-4, 2:22.1-2.

THIRD DAY.

In the races of to-day, as those of
the preceding days, it was a
noticeable fact that no horse, as
the saying goes, had it all his own
way, but rather what was obtained
was fought for. The first was the

2:35 CLASS, PURSE \$100.

Summary:

King b. g., Merrill, 1:11.1

Worland b. g., Gregg and Thayer, 2:22.2

Louise Wilkes b. m., Records, 4:44.4

Nelle bl. g., Jenkins, 5:54.5

Smith's Viking b. g., Everett, 6:66.6

Phillip b. s., Dyer, 6:66.6

Cornelius, ch. g., Smith, 7:77.7

Time, 2:31.4, 2:33, 2:35.1-4.

FREE FOR ALL.

Four horses were entered in this
race but owing to the fact that
a Boy sprained his ankle

while being worked upon the
track Wednesday, A. M., there
were only three to start.
It was an easy victory for Janet.
Summary:

Janet bl. m., by Black Rolfe
Thayer, 1:11.1

Queen Wilkes, b. m., Gregg, 2:22.2

Victor E. ch. g., Jordan, 3:33.3

Time, 2:24.4, 2:26, 2:27.

Premiums Awarded.

BULLS AND HERDS.

Best bull for dairy use, Geo. H.
Chapman, 1st; Fred F. Bean, 2nd.

Best bull for stock, H. and W.
Farwell, 1st.

Best herd, Arthur Morrill, 1st.

COWS AND HEIFERS.

Best cow for dairy use, C. E. Valen-
tine, 1st; F. F. Bean, 2nd; L. A.
York, 3rd.

Best cow for stock, F. L. Ed-
wards, 1st; F. F. Bean, 2nd;
H. and W. Farwell, 3rd.

Best heifer three years old for
dairy use, C. E. Valentine, 1st.

Best heifer two years old, C. E.
Valentine, 1st; F. F. Bean, 2nd.

Best heifer one year old, Wm. L.
Chapman, 1st.

Calves for dairy use, L. A. York,
1st; W. L. Chapman, 2nd.

SWISS.

Cows, F. F. Bean, 1st; W. L.
Chapman, 2nd.

Two year old, W. L. Chapman
1st; F. F. Bean, 2nd.

Calves, F. F. Bean, 1st; W. L.
Chapman, 2nd.

GRADE DEVON.

Fred L. Ordway, 1st.

DURHAM GRADE.

Cows, E. H. Morrill, 1st; F. L.
Edwards, 2nd.

Bull 1 year old, F. L. Ordway, 1st.

Bull calf, F. L. Ordway, 1st.

HERFORD GRADE.

2 year old heifer, D. B. Hall, 1st.

HOLSTEIN GRADE.

F. L. Edwards, 1st, 2nd.

AYRSHIRE GRADE.

F. L. Edwards, 1st.

GUERNSEY GRADE.

3 year old, E. W. Barker, 1st.

1 year old, G. A. Chapman, 1st.

MAINE HERD BOOK.

Cows, C. W. Godwin, 1st.

3 year old, C. E. Valentine, 1st.

2 year old, C. W. Godwin, 1st.

GRADE JERSEY.

Cows, C. E. Valentine, 1st, 2nd.

3 year old, C. E. Valentine, 1st.

2 year old, C. E. Valentine, 1st.

1 year old, Geo. A. Cummings, 1st.

Heifer calf, G. P. Bean, 1st; L.
A. York, 2nd.

GRADE MAINE HERD BOOK JERSEY.

1 year old W. L. Chapman, 1st.

AMERICAN CATTLE CLUB JERSEY.

Cows, F. F. Bean, 1st, 2nd.

2 year old, W. L. Chapman, 1st;

F. F. Bean, 2nd.

Calves, W. L. Chapman, 1st.

STEERS.

3 year old, F. L. Edwards, 1st.

2 year old, Arthur Morrill, 1st.

1 year old, Greenleaf Emery, 1st.

TOWN TEAM.

Arthur Mason of Mason, 1st.

